

TO the Honourable

*Charles Shaler* Esquire, President, and

Associates, Judges, of the Court of Common Pleas, now sitting for Beaver County: The Petition of *John Clarke* of the County of Beaver, humbly sheweth, That your Petitioner, *arrived in the United States about the 22<sup>d</sup> day of December A.D. 1818 and has resided* within the State of Pennsylvania, at least three years, that he will support the Constitution of the United States, and that he doth absolutely renounce, and abjure, all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state or sovereignty whatever, particularly to the *King of Great Britain & Ireland* to whom he was heretofore a subject, that he never hath borne any hereditary title, nor hath been of any of the orders of nobility in the Kingdom from which he came, and is ready to declare on oath the truth of these things, and prays to be admitted a Citizen of the United States, and of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

*John Clarke*

BEAVER COUNTY, ss.

At a Court of Common Pleas, held for said County on the *23* day of *August* A.D. *1825* before the hon. *Charles Shaler* President, and *John H. Redden* & *David Denny* Associates, Judges of the same court—came *John Clarke* and being sworn according to law, saith that what he hath set forth in the above petition is the truth, and that he doth renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate or sovereignty whatever, and particularly to the *King of the United Kingdoms of Great Britain & Ireland* and that he will support the Constitution of the United States.

Sworn in open Court. *23<sup>d</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1825*

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At a Court of common pleas, held at Beaver, the *23* day of *August* A.D. *1825* for said county. Came into court *John Pugh* a citizen of the United States, and being sworn according to law, saith that he hath known the above named *John Clarke* during the term of five years residence and under the jurisdiction of the said United States' as in the above petition set fourth by the said *John Clarke* and that he hath behaved himself as a man of good moral character, and attached to the Constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the same.

*affirmed* Sworn and Subscribed. *23<sup>d</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1825*

*John Clarke Pro* *John Pugh*